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November 22. Norwegian bark *Sachsen*, for Gulfport, Miss., in stone ballast, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel here; British steamship *Peruvian*, for Savannah, in water ballast, with no passengers and with no change in the personnel of the vessel.

November 23. American tugboat *Catherine Moran*, for Panama, Canal Zone (put in here for coal to continue her journey), with no cargo to Panama, no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew.

The bark *Sachsen*, the steamship *Peruvian*, and the American tugboat were not inspected by Service officer and the bills of health were issued by the deputy consul-general.

*Mortality, plague, smallpox, and yellow fever, Rio de Janeiro.*—Week ended November 24, total deaths, 238. Yellow fever caused 1 death with 2 new reported cases, bubonic plague 2 deaths, with 8 new reported cases, and variola 5 deaths, with 37 new reported cases. At the close of the week there were in the hospital São Sebastião, no cases of yellow fever, 19 cases of variola, 14 cases of plague—all under treatment, and 35 cases of suspicious illness under observation. In regard to the outbreak of variola, it is rather unusual for this season of the year, recrudescences of this disease being as a rule far more common here in the colder or cooler months of the year. During the last four weeks the number of cases has been as follows: For each week, 14, 14, 11, 37; total, 76, and the deaths by each week as follows: 4, 4, 5, 5; total, 18. During the same period there have been 26 cases and 4 deaths due to bubonic plague, and 4 cases and 1 death due to yellow fever. During the period from September 22 to November 10, there had not been a case of yellow fever in the city.

#### CANADA.

*Report from Three Rivers—Outbreak of smallpox in Province of Ontario.*

Consul Worman reports, December 19:

Smallpox has broken out in a number of places in the Province of Ontario.

#### COSTA RICA.

*Report from San Jose—Note addressed to governments of Central America relative to fumigation of vessels from San Francisco, Cal.*

The American minister to Nicaragua and Costa Rica reports, December 1, through the Department of State, that he has addressed notes to the Governments of Nicaragua, Salvador, and Costa Rica regarding the fumigation of steamships from San Francisco, Cal., explaining that these vessels, having been carefully fumigated before leaving that port and official certificate thereof furnished the commanding officer, a second fumigation at ports of call en route to Panama would not be necessary. Favorable replies were received from the Governments of El Salvador and Costa Rica. No reply has been received from the Government of Nicaragua.

He further reports that there are occasional sporadic cases of yellow fever at Leon, Managua, and Granada, but that the condition is not any worse now than heretofore. No cases of yellow fever have been reported at Corinto during the year.